

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DISTRICT #33  
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Sterling Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, March 21, 2016, at 7:32 p.m. in the Music Room at Sterling Public School 250 Main, Sterling, Nebraska. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent:

Present: Agena, Goracke, Harms, Hestermann, Vollman, Wirthele

Superintendent Knippelmeyer, Principal Ryun Theobald, Athletic/Transportation Director Brent Heusman and Jacob Davenport were in attendance. Also attending but not speaking were Chris Nieveen and Michelle Salberg.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The agenda was posted in accordance to board policy. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. The meeting was duly called to order. At the beginning of this meeting, President Harms announced about the Open Meeting Act and how it was posted on the wall at the entrance of the meeting room wall. Then roll call was taken.
- III. No Public Comments
- IV. A motion was made by Hestermann, seconded by Agena to accept the consent agenda with minutes from the February 15, 2016 regular meeting with a correction and the minutes of the Special Board Workshop/Retreat on February 29, 2016 as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Agena, Goracke, Harms, Hestermann, Vollman, Wirthele  
Voting against: none  
Motion carried
- V. Teacher Reports  
Jacob Davenport shared with the board the progress of the new FBLA Chapter at Sterling. They have 20 members currently. They held many activities throughout the year, one being a food drive for the area.
- VI. Board Reports  
Harms, Agena and Wirthele shared about the NRCSA Conference in Kearney, which they attended March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. They informed the rest of the board on breakout sessions that they felt could be of benefit to the district.  
Wirthele shared about the Judge and Jury Workshop she had attended on March 15th in Lincoln.
- VII. Administrative Reports.  
Athletic Director, Transportation and Maintenance Director Report. (see attached report)  
Brent Heusman reported on third quarter 80 day inspections, booster seats for the vans, yearly bus driver evaluations to be conducted in April, the track season begins on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Pioneer Conference has purchased an Eagle Eye automatic timing system for track meets, and upcoming Music competitions.  
  
Principal's Report. (see attached report)  
Mr. Theobald presented to the board on what all the Seniors did on their Senior Skip Day held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Davenport working on getting the yearbook account into the black, attending the NDE AQuESST/Data Conference in Kearney on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, after Easter Break NWEA MAPS and NeSA testing will begin for the spring, and the Kindergarten Roundup held on March 18<sup>th</sup>.  
  
Superintendent's Report. (see attached report)  
Mr. Knippelmeyer reported to the board on the completion of the Marzano Academy training along with future staff development on Marzano, Budget Planning with the Staffing costs projections for 2016-2017, E-Rate Funding proposal areas, Legislative updates and the last day of school should be May 18<sup>th</sup> at noon.

VIII. Action Items

A. Commendations

Motion was made by Wirthele and seconded by Harms move to approve the recommendations of the administration for Board Commendations.

With the resignation of Teresa Haynes as the assistant volleyball coach, we would like to thank her for her time and commitment to our program and school.

Gladys Kuhlmann has decided to retire from substitute teaching, we would like to thank her for always making herself available to sub when needed and for dedicating herself to Sterling Public School.

Thank you Stephanie Parde for organizing the Dr. Seuss Week activities for our Elementary.

After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Agena, Goracke, Harms, Hestermann, Vollman, Wirthele

Voting against: none

Motion carried.

B. 2016-2017 NASB Membership

A motion was made by Wirthele, seconded by Agena to approve the renewal of membership in Nebraska Association of School Board for 2016-2017. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Agena, Goracke, Harms, Hestermann, Vollman, Wirthele

Voting against: none

Motion carried

C. ESU Core Services for 2016-2017

A motion was made by Agena, seconded by Vollman to approve the ESU 4 Core Services for 2016-2017.

After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Agena, Goracke, Harms, Hestermann, Vollman, Wirthele

Voting against: none

Motion carried

D. Interlocal Agreement with ESU 4 Special Education Contracted Services for 2016-2017.

A motion was made by Goracke, seconded by Hestermann to approve the Interlocal Agreement with ESU 4 Special Education Contracted Services for 2016-2017. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Agena, Goracke, Harms, Hestermann, Vollman, Wirthele

Voting against: none

Motion carried

E. E-Meetings with NASB

Discussion was held and item was considered, but no action was taken.

F. Certified Staff for 2016-2017

A motion was made by Wirthele, seconded by Agena to approve to table Item F until the April 2016 regular meeting. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Agena, Goracke, Harms, Hestermann, Vollman, Wirthele

Voting against: none

Motion carried

IX. Non Action Items

A. Discussion was held on the State Aid Certification for 2016-2017.

B. Graduation participation by board members was discussed.

C. Discussion was held on the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Round-up.

D. Discussion was held on the repairs being done to the gym at this time and the process.

E./F. The board discussed on how to get more village and community input, support and involvement.

X. There will be a Regular meeting of the Sterling Board of Education held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the school Music room.

XI. President Harms adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

The meeting was duly adjourned.  
DATED this 21<sup>st</sup>, March 2016

JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #33,  
a/k/a STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ATTEST:

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Secretary